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di·ag·nos·tic **P** Pronunciation Key (dī'əg-nŏs'tĭk)
adj.

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2. Serving to identify a particular disease; characteristic.

1. The art or practice of medical diagnosis. Often used in the plural with a singular verb.
2. A symptom or a distinguishing feature serving as supporting evidence in a diagnosis.
3. An instrument or a technique used in medical diagnosis.

[Greek diagnōstikos, able to distinguish, from diagnōstos, distinguished, from diagignōskein, to distinguish. See diagnosis.]

di·ag·nos'ti-cal·ly *adv.*

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Main Entry: **¹di·ag·nos·tic**

Pronunciation: -'nās-tīk

Variant: also **di·ag·nos·ti·cal** /-ti-kəl/

Function: *adjective*

1: of, relating to, or used in diagnosis

2: using the methods of or yielding a diagnosis <a *diagnostic* service>

<diagnostic properties> —**di·ag·nos·ti·cal·ly** /-ti-k(ə-)lē/ *adverb*

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Main Entry: **²diagnostic**

Function: *noun*

the art or practice of diagnosis —often used in plural

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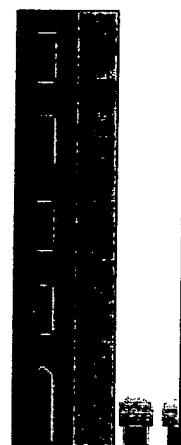
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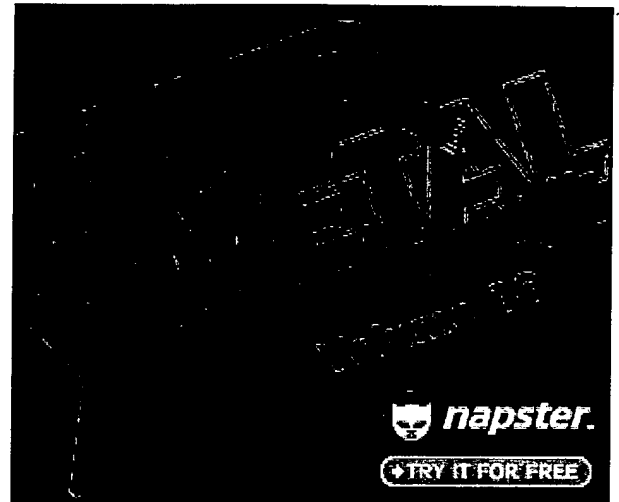


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